

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

March 7, at 6:00 PM

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, and Bob Wilhite were present. Matt Sporleder opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting starts with the bid opening for trash service at the Recycling Center.

Rumpke – Cost to provide three 30 cubic yard roll-off containers, transportation and disposal of waste and cost to provide eight 6 cubic yard dumpsters and empty them on site on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

30 cubic yard containers – cost per pull

First year - \$295.00

Second year - \$306.80

Third year - \$319.07

6 cubic yard dumpsters – cost per pull

First year - \$19.28

Second year - \$20.05

Third year - \$20.85

Alternate Bid #2 - Cost to provide three 30 cubic yard roll-off containers, transportation and disposal of waste and cost to provide eight 6 cubic yard dumpsters and empty them on site on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

30 cubic yard containers – cost per pull

First year - \$295.00

Second year - \$306.80

Third year - \$319.07

6 cubic yard dumpsters – cost per pull

First year - \$19.28/\$27.50

Second year - \$20.05/\$28.60

Third year - \$20.85/\$29.75

Bestway - - Cost to provide three 30 cubic yard roll-off containers, transportation and disposal of waste and cost to provide eight 6 cubic yard dumpsters and empty them on site on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

30 cubic yard containers – cost per pull

First year - \$380.00

Second year - \$402.80

Third year - \$426.97

6 cubic yard dumpsters – cost per pull

First year - \$22.50

Second year - \$23.85

Third year - \$25.28

Christy from Solid Waste to review bids and report back to the commissioners.

Nicci Lucas submitted a travel request for Dan Brookbank for March 20, 2024. There will be no cost to the county for him to attend. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Nicci also submitted a travel request for Tina Brison. Tina attended the Spring Treasurers conference, and the cost will come directly from her budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Marie with Area Plan has two rezone requests. The first is a request from Joshua Creech to rezone 2.198 acres at W Co. Rd 950 N, Elizabethtown, IN from Heavy Industrial to Residential Single-Family. Mr. Creech plans to build a new home. It is the recommendation from the Essential Services Committee and the Area Plan Commission to allow this rezone. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The second rezone request is for Dean Ford, Ford Family Farms being represented by Mike Templin, of MGP Distillery and Jeff Lyness of Maxwell Construction. They are asking to rezone 215.843 acres at E. Co. Rd 500 S, S. Co Rd 350 E and 5255 S Co Rd 350 E. from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial. This rezone will allow for warehousing to be built to include whiskey barrel storage and other like materials. The owner will continue to use the house for rental and the existing barn and farmyard for farming operations. It is the recommendation from the Essential Services Committee and the Area Plan Commission to allow this rezone. During the discussions of the rezone, Shane Boswell mentioned that he was concerned about the deterioration of county road 500 S due to all the heavy traffic that will be generated from this sight. Mr. Lyness stated that he would pay up to \$45,000 to help with widening the road.

Shane made a motion to approve the rezone, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Marie asks the commissioners for permission to hire a part time inspector. She has the money in her budget to pay a part time inspector. Shane made a motion to approve her request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Matt reads a letter from the sheriff regarding Jeff Jones. Per the county ordinance, Jeff Jones will receive his duty weapon as a token of appreciation and selfless service. Possession of the duty weapon will be transferred from the Jennings County Sheriff's Office to Jeff Jones. Shane made a motion to allow the transfer, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane made a motion to allow Trent Linville with Airwaves Networks to use the right of way access, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. This was tabled from a previous meeting. Commissioners asked Randy Shepherd for an update on his work from home person. Randy stated that this would be ending on its own and that no further attention would be needed. Shane asked if he has someone in mind to fill the position, and he said no.

The Community Building is one of many polling locations for Jennings County. There is a conflict with the Community Building this year because the military will be leasing the fairground property during this time. Shane made a motion to approve the relocation of the polling location to the North Vernon Church of the Nazarene at 2195 IN-3, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt stated that the Auditors office needed to notify the Clerk in writing of the changes.

Christy's recommendation is Rumpke. They have the lower bid, and they are offering a Saturday pick up. This was the Alternative bid #2. Bob made a motion to approve, Shane seconded the option, passed unanimously.

Chad Ebinger is asking to move the tables back to the original location in the conference room. Bob made a motion to approve prior minutes, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to sign payroll and claims, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt asked if anyone in the crowd wanted to volunteer to be on the 911 board. Bob made a motion to adjourn, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah Abel

Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

Matt Sporleder

Matt Sporleder, President

Bob Wilhite

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Shane Boswell

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